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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS (312-886-7048)

Deena Sheppard-Johnson Enforcement Specialist U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Remedial Enforcement Support Section 77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J) Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc., 142 Locust Street, Elyria, OH 44035

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

I am in receipt of the notice letters, dated June 26, 2001, regarding the above matter at the following sites: Cleveland, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; and Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Ashland is willing to participate in negotiations regarding these sites commensurate to the extent of our proven liability.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robin Lampkin-Isabel

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